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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Tatsuhiro FUKUZAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2237

Application No.: 10/658,456 : Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: September 10, 2003 : Examiner: LEE, Cynthia K.

For: POLYMER BATTERY AND RELATED METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of August 17, 2006 wherein restriction has been required,
Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-18) with traverse for prosecution in the aboveidentified application. Applicants further elect Species I-a, the second embodiment, claims 1-5,
7-10, and 12-19 readable thereon.

The restriction is traversed because the first embodiment was not included in the listed species. In addition, sixth and seventh embodiments are also disclosed in the specification and are covered by claims. Further, contrary to the Examiner's assertion that claims 1 and 12 are generic, claims 1-3, 7, 8, and 12-19 are generic to all the species. The Examiner implicitly recognized that claim 19 is generic to all the species, as the Examiner asserted that the method could be used to make any one of the species.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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